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## John Brown's Body set for Nov. 16-19.

by Jill Kreinbring

The Clarke College Drama Department will present Stephen Vincent Benet's great epic poem, "John Brown's Body," Thursday, Nov. 16 through Sunday, Nov. 19. Highlighted with music and choral work, the play commemorates the 130th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War.

"The 130th anniversary of the Civil War is not the only reason why the drama department picked this piece to perform," said Sister Carol Blitgen, Clarke professor of drama and speech. "This play gives a lot of students an opportunity to take part in a production that uses various kinds of performance skills such as choral speaking, acting and singing. This will help aid the students in perfecting their vocal work."

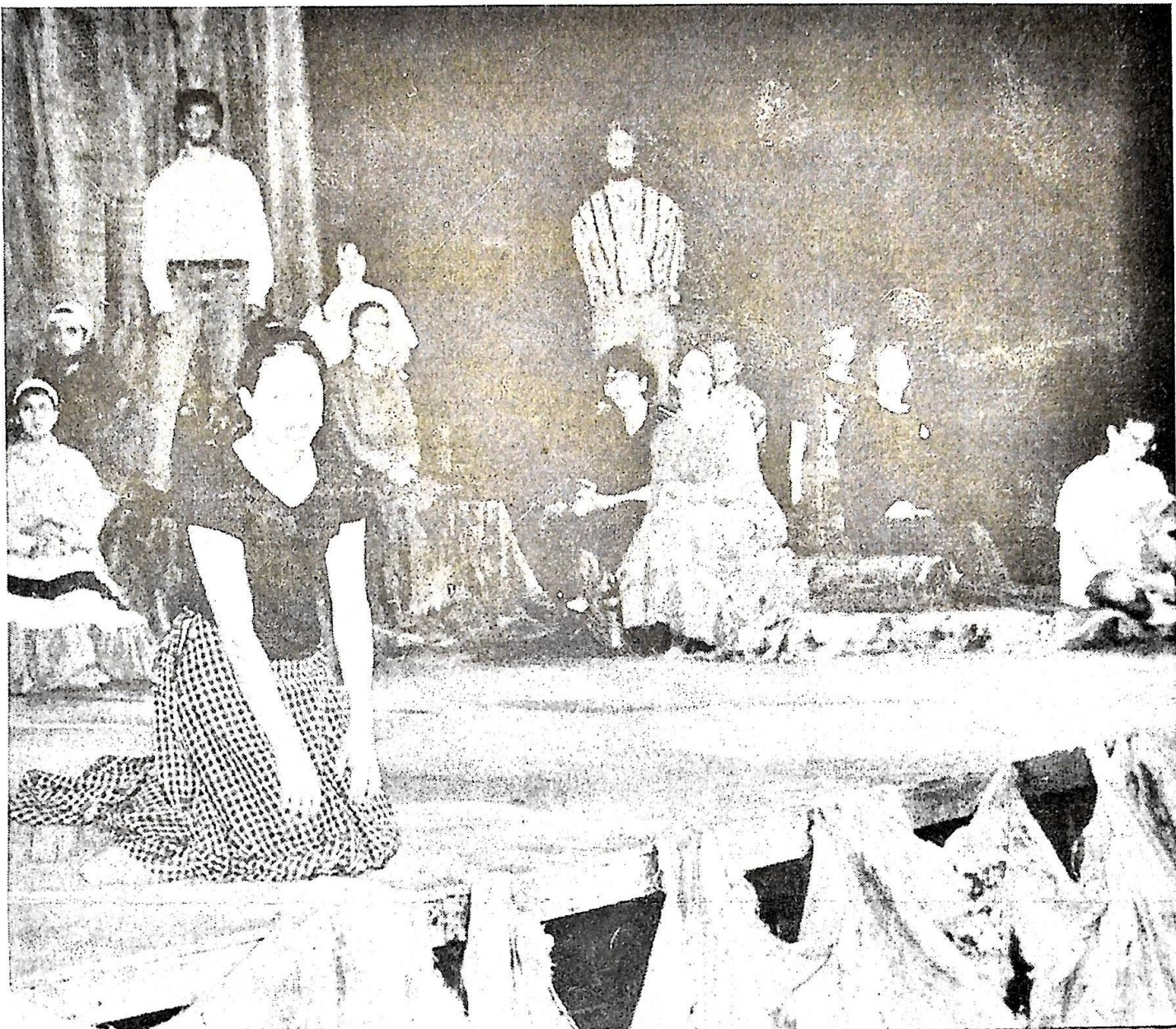
Blitgen translated the poetry of "John Brown's Body" into visual action and composition. Authentic Civil War music will also be incorporated into the play.

The cast has been rehearsing Students appearing in the cast are: Jake Heinrichs; John Zuerlein; Dylan Mosley; Ben Welch; Joe Norton; Sarah Ehlinger; Kelly Westergard; Therese Hegler; Sonia Ibarra; and Holly Blomquist.

Students appearing in the ensemble cast are: Kristina Castenada; Katie Gilhooly; Tommy Haggas; Carin Lenard; Tim Venable; and Sarah Daniel-Walters.

"The play is a beautiful universal statement about Civil War. There is much to be learned," said Therese Hegler.

The production will be held in Terence Donaghoe Hall Theater at 8 p.m. on November 16 through November 19. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for non-Clarke students. The production is open to the public. For ticket information, call the box office at 319-588-6329.



by Hiro Matsuo

Therese Hegler, along with fellow cast members, rehearse a scene from John Brown's Body, a production that will open on Thursday, November 16.

## Minority Adviser provides support

by Windy Bernier

The office is covered from wall to wall by posters and information on every race and ethnicity here at Clarke. Many call it a "hang out" for students and others see it as a place where they can go and be understood.

The office is on the lower level of Mary Jo next to Jack B. The person who has given the students this atmosphere of home away from home is minority adviser, Anthony Allen.

Allen started working with Clarke three years ago, but has lived in Dubuque for eight years. He started working when President Catherine Dunn was researching diversity for a grant proposal by the Lily foundation. He became involved in this committee as a representative of the community. This committee suggested that the students needed a minority adviser. Allen who started working one and a half hours a day is up to 7 3/4 hours now.

The Clarke International Organization and Clarke Multicultural Organization are the organizations that he is adviser to. He also co-advises Activities and Events. His job requires him to be a support person for minorities. He had prepared with a major in sociology / criminal justice and psychology and a minor in computer science.

Allen was born in Chicago, Ill. on Jan. 22, 1967. At the age of 28, he not only has

a career, but also a family. He has one daughter and two sons. He is the middle child in a family of five.

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Allen said that one of the most memorable moments in his life was the birth of his daughter, who is now nine. He also said that the death of an aunt and cousin and the birth of his first nephew in 1979, brought him the experience of death and birth at an early age. One other memorable experience for him was coming to live in Dubuque and being able to survive, like and live here.

As we talked in his office, he kept making reference to his books and posters that deal with many races. When we talked about his hobbies he did not hesitate to say that he loved playing video games such as NBA Genesis. He said he enjoys playing basket-

ball and baseball.

One hobby that he refers to as "Playing the game of life" is chess. He says that he uses chess to know the personality of a person, if they are aggressive or passive even spontaneous. Allen said that it is more a social game than a competitive one. It challenges him to look at his own decisions and why he made them.

Allen talked about the support he brings to minority students and the support they bring to each other. He said that the lack of minorities is a burden when it comes to peer support to exceed. They need to see students and faculty like them so they can use them as role models.

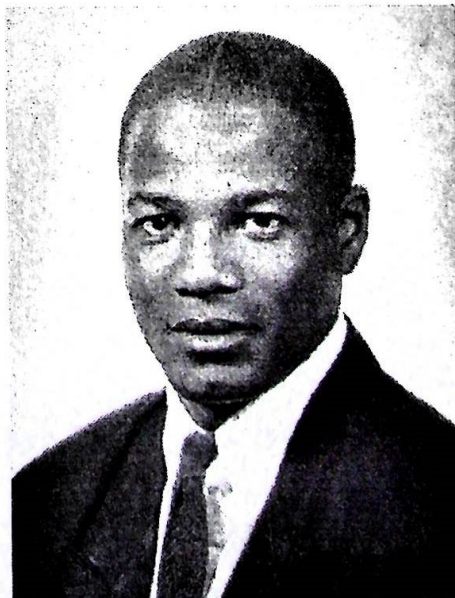
He said that the way students' social and personal lives here at Clarke succeed or fail has to do with the lack of minorities. A person needs to feel wanted and comfortable in their environment so they need people like them. But he also said that he sees that minorities here at Clarke have great self-esteem because they know where they stand and who they are.

Allen also works for the community. He is co-chair of the Youth Atonement Committee in Dubuque. He is also chair of the Concerned Black Men in Dubuque. HE is a public speaker on the issues of racism, sexism and classism. And he used to be vice president of The National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Dubuque.

As the interview ended he said that his office has an open door policy and that everyone is welcome to have a chat, discuss problems or concerns or even have a good game of chess.

One piece of advice that he shares is to "look within ourselves; in order to dislike a person, there must be something we dislike about ourselves. If you love and you are secure about yourself, you can love another."



Anthony Allen



## NEWS

## Merfeld uses karate to create self-discipline

by Jill Kreinbring

"I've wanted to take karate ever since I was little, but mom wouldn't let me because she thought it was too violent," said Audra Merfeld, a Clarke senior and now a karate competition champion.

Merfeld, who is now a sixth-year karate student, was finally able to persuade her mother into letting her take lessons. At age 15, Merfeld started taking her lessons at the Dubuque Karate Club under the guidance of Master David Schmitt. Schmitt opened the first karate school in Dubuque in 1970. He is currently a fifth-degree black belt. Merfeld is a red belt. Her next belt will be the black belt candidate.

Tang foo do is the style of karate Merfeld studies. This style of karate was originated in Korea and is more than 2,000 years old.

Merfeld is an active participant in karate competitions. She has participated in approximately 30 competitions in the tri-state area. In October, Merfeld took first place in forms and weapons and received a second place in sparring in the women's advanced division. The October competition was held at Hempstead High School in Dubuque.

Forms is a dance pattern with karate moves. The competitor fights an imaginary opponent. The different moves include kicking, blocking and striking techniques. Weapons is the same principle as forms, but competitors use weapons. An example of a weapon is the bo staff, a five and one half foot stick that tapers at both ends.

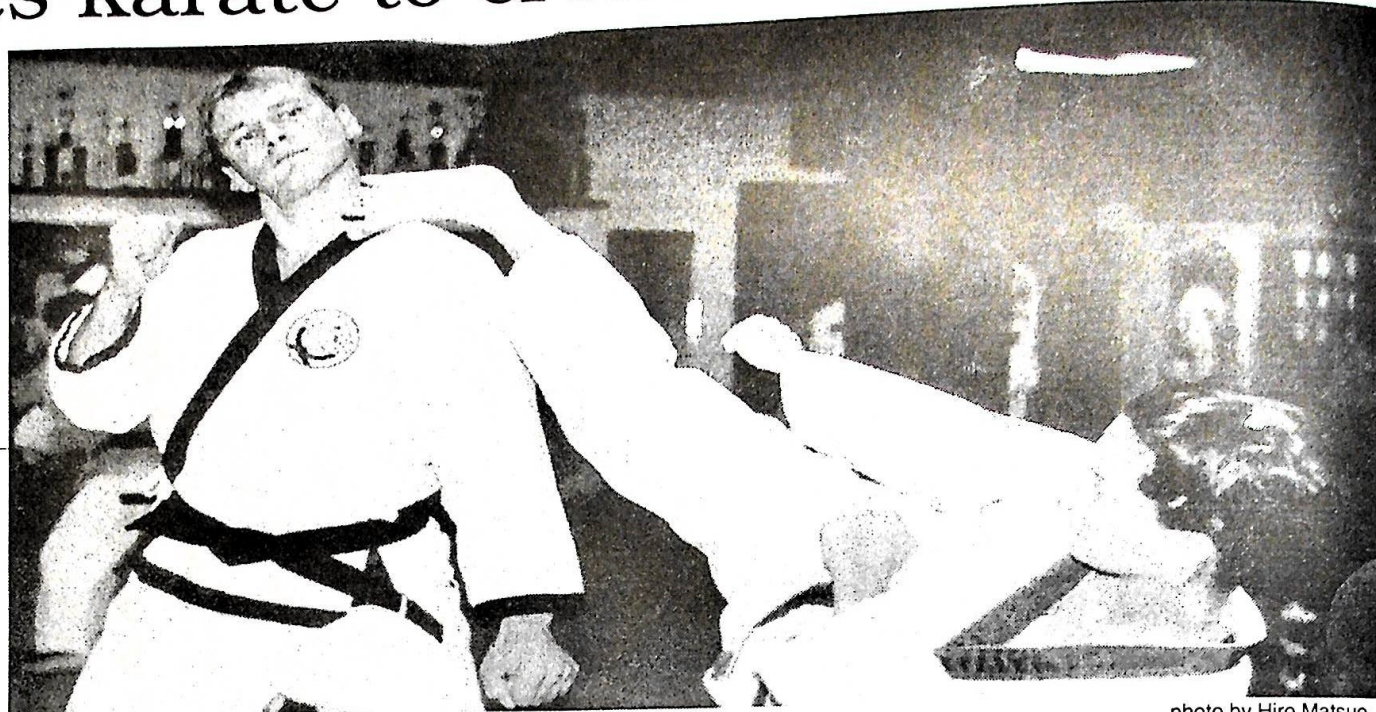


photo by Hiro Matsuo

Audra Merfeld demonstrates a karate move on one of her fellow classmates at the Dubuque Karate Club.

Sparring is free fighting. The competitor fights with another person, but there is not full contact. The competitors try to tag one another.

"It takes more control not to have full contact with a person than to have full contact with a person," Merfeld said.

The Dubuque Karate Club also has a demonstration team. Merfeld is a member of this team, which does demonstrations for rape prevention programs, Boy Scouts, women's clubs and for entertainment.

The team creates a scenario. Members

of the team work through the scenario using karate techniques to aid them.

"We do these demonstrations to help educate the public so they can defend themselves," Merfeld said. "It also helps people to focus. Learning the techniques have helped me in school because it taught me to concentrate, develop patients and self discipline."

Merfeld has been on the Dean's List all four years of her college career at Clarke by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

In 1994 Merfeld's demonstration team

took first place at the World Tang Foo Do Championships in Orlando, Fl. Merfeld's team took first place over teams from Australia, South America, Mexico and Germany. The team performed a five-minute demonstration in the creative division, then all team members competed individually. Merfeld took second in forms, third in sparring and third in weapons.

Anyone interested in learning more about karate may call 319-583-8256 or ask Merfeld. There is a three-month beginners special for people who want to learn karate.

## Spring registration reminder

by Alisa Tomko

Advanced registration for spring semester 1996 will be held November 29 and 30th on the second floor of the Atrium outside the administration offices.

Before you are able to register you must meet with your academic adviser for guidance on course selection. Remember that is important to take classes in sequences to be sure you have proper background knowledge before taking a higher level course. Your adviser has your white registration form that he/she need to sign after meeting with you. You need to bring the white sheet with you on the day and time of registration.

The next step is to make sure you have financial clearance.

This process will take place for the following classes at the following times:

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1995

9-11 Seniors (90 credits completed)  
1-3 Juniors (60 credits completed)

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995

9-11 Sophomores (24 credits completed)  
1-3 Freshmen (fewer than 24 credits)

These times give priority to Clarke students. After December 1, registration is open for late comers, special students, and cross registration, that is, anyone from Loras, UD or Highland Community College interested in taking classes here.

Student accounts will notify you if you do not have financial clearance. If you are unable to attend registration personally, ask a student in your class to do it for you, provided you have financial clearance.

You should receive a computerized schedule in your P.O. Box by December 6

Education majors also need to remember to meet with their advisers before this time to fill out the paper work necessary for both their education and general studies classes.

Education Registration will be November 13-14 in Blades Hall at University of Dubuque. This is for ANYONE taking an education course Spring of 1996. The times are as follows...

Mon., November 13, 1995

3:00 - 4:30 seniors and post bachelor  
3:30 - 4:30 current juniors

Tues., November 14, 1995

3:00 - 4:30 current seniors, juniors, sophomores  
3:30 - 4:30 current first year students

## Non-trads organize activities

by Chris Ross

The children of Clarke's Non-Traditional students bounced around the Kehl center classroom on their black and orange balloons, as part of the Halloween festivities that were held on Sunday, October, 29th from 1-4 P.M. The children also participated in the "eye-ball" toss game and spoon races. Snacks were provided during the party, followed by a barbecue from 4-5 in the student union.

The Non-Trad Student Association, in effort to increase student participation, has been promoting family-oriented activities. Since the beginning of the school year, the activities have also included several movies shown at the Union, for the whole family. The first two were "The Little Princess" and "Casper."

Recently a survey was mailed to the Non-Trad students. "From the surveys that we got back people have indicated that they did

not like to spend time away from their families. That is why we have planned more family related activities," said Donell Hefel, vice president of the organization.

According to Russ Wolbers, President, and Hefel, future plans include a showing of the movie "Free Willy 2" on Sunday, December 3. There is no admission fee and free pop and popcorn are served. In addition, a potluck is planned for the week before finals. It will be set up between 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. in the student lounge in CBH. Cold meat for sandwiches, chips, vegetables, fruits and dips will be provided. Bringing a dish to share is optional.

In December, boxes will also be placed around the campus to collect items for the needy families in Dubuque. Small toys, food items and new clothing are recommended. Personal items such as toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and disposable razors would be excellent ideas.

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something?



## HAPPENINGS

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, November 10, 1995

- International Dinner at Emmaus Bible College - 7 p.m. Shuttle leaves Atrium @ 6:15 - 6:45, sign up with Anthony Allen
- Antioch Retreat thru 11/12
- Residence hall Olympics 9 - 1 a.m. Kehl Center
- Movie "The Fugitive" - 8 p.m. Union
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Saturday, November 11, 1995

- Movie "The Fugitive" - 8 p.m. Union
- W/ MBB Alumni game Home - 6:30/7 p.m.
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Sunday, November 12, 1995

- Moonlight Breakfast Cafe - 10 - 11 p.m.
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

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- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Tuesday, November 14, 1995

- Liz Story & Joel DiBartolo Show 8 p.m. JMH
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Wednesday, November 15, 1995

- Invitation to the Dance - 7 p.m. JMH \$25
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Thursday, November 16, 1995

- "John Brown's Body" - 8 p.m. TDH thru 11/19
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Friday, November 17, 1995

- Fred Winters Hypnotist - 8 p.m. JMH
- WBB Clarke Classic 11/18
- Andy Van Osdol Exhibit - Quigley

#### Saturday, November 18, 1995

- Dien-Jen Ru BFA Exhibit - Quigley thru 11/30
- MBB Home UW- LaCrosse - 7:30 p.m.

## Intramurals takes on a different look

By Chris Brees

"We are working on getting more activities offered to a greater number of participants than before," said Intramural Director Dan Corken.

Intramurals at Clarke have taken on a new look by offering students, faculty, and staff a larger selection of activities than in previous years. Participants may find it easier to attend these activities due to the integration of several different sessions throughout the course of the year.

In past years, Clarke has been limited to the number of activities they may sponsor as a result of facility accommodations. Now that the Robert and Ruth Kehl Center is open, scheduling events is much easier, and still allows for open court space for those students who do not choose to participate in intramurals or for those athletics that would like to practice for their sport which is not offered at that time.

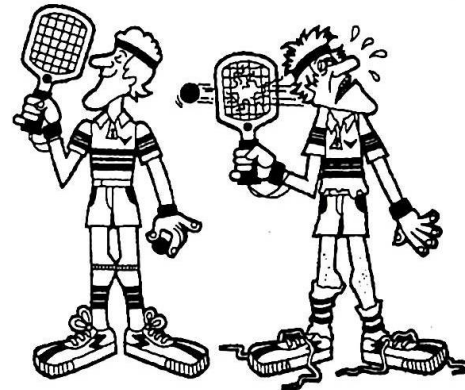
Sports being offered at this time are basketball and volleyball. These activities will continue on until the first week in November. After these activities, indoor soccer, women's basketball and co-ed volleyball league will be offered.

The women's basketball league and the volleyball league are both being organized with a drafting process. The draft has already been concluded for basketball, but those students or faculty interested in volleyball may sign up outside the cafeteria during lunch hours. The draft for volleyball will then take place at a later date.

"The goal for this year with intramurals is to get more students on campus to participate more," said Dan Corken. "We are looking to get more faculty and commuting students to get involved in the future."

Students may enjoy a wide variety of activities that do not require other team members. In the afternoon, students may attend aerobics, taekwondo and jazz dance. In the evenings, the gym is open for basketball and volleyball. Those people who are not currently on a team may stop over on these nights and receive information on joining a team.

If students have any concerns or questions about intramurals, they may feel free to contact Dan Corken in the athletic office. He may be reached at 588-6353 or at P.O. Box 1542.



by Aaron Wilbers

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Saturday, November 25 - 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 26 - 9 a.m.-Noon

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